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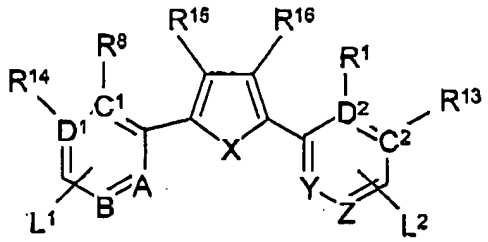
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

A compound of Formula (I):



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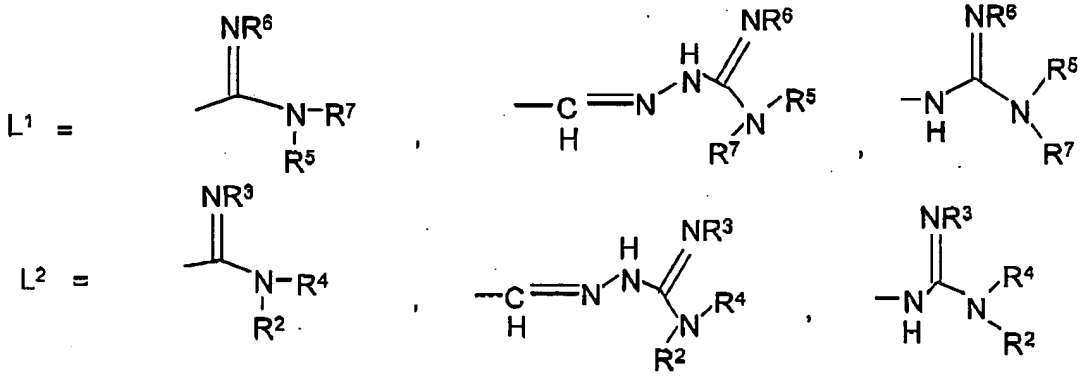


wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and NR^{17}, where R^{17} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

~~C^4, C^2,~~ A[[,]] and Y are CH, N, NR^{17}, O, or S;

C^1 and C^2 are each C or N, wherein C^1 and C^2 are the same or different;

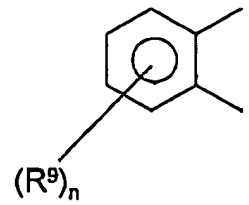
D^1[[,]] and D^2~~, B, and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17}~~ are each C or N, wherein D^1 and D^2 are the same or different;

B and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17}, provided that B, Z, or both B and Z are not present when A, Y, or both A and Y are O, S, or NR^{17};

R^{13}, R^{14}, ~~R^{15}, R^{16}~~, R^1 and R^8 can be present or absent, and when present are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^3 and R^6 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxy, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyl, hydroxycycloalkyl, alkoxycycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, acyloxy, acetoxy, and alkylaminoalkyl; and R^2, R^4, R^5 and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and alkylaminoalkyl, or R^2 and R^4 together or R^5 and R^7 together represent a C_2 to C_{10} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkylene, or R^3 and R^4 together or R^6 and R^7 together are:



wherein n is a number from 1 to 3, and R^9 is H or $-CONHR^{10}NR^{11}R^{12}$, wherein R^{10} is lower alkyl and R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H and lower alkyl.

Please replace the paragraphs starting at line 8, page 3 and going thru line 15, page 4 with the following rewritten sentence:

Accordingly, a first aspect of the present invention is a compound of Formula (I):

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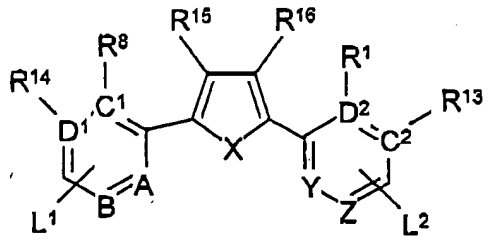

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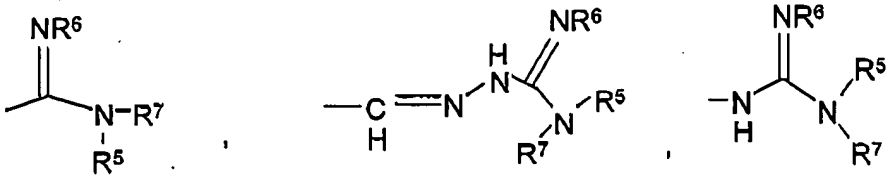
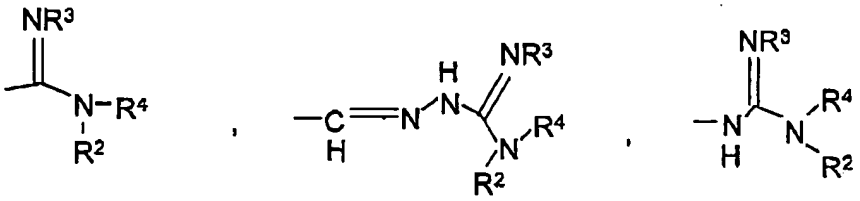
L^1 = 

L^2 = 

wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and NR^{17}, where R^{17} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

~~C^1, C^2,~~ A[[,]] and Y are CH, N, NR^{17}, O, or S;

C^1 and C^2 are each C or N, wherein C^1 and C^2 are the same or different;

D^1[[,]] and D^2~~, B, and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17}~~ are each C or N, wherein D^1 and D^2 are the same or different;

B and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17}, provided that B, Z, or both B and Z are not present when A, Y, or both A and Y are O, S, or NR^{17};

R^{13}, R^{14}~~, R^{15}, R^{16}~~, R^1 and R^8 can be present or absent, and when present are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

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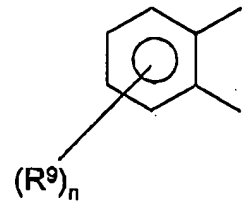
R^3 and R^6 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxy, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyl, hydroxycycloalkyl, alkoxycycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, acyloxy, acetoxy, and alkylaminoalkyl; andR^2, R^4, R^5 and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and alkylaminoalkyl, or R^2 and R^4 together or R^5 and R^7 together represent a C_2 to C_{10} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkylene, or R^3 and R^4 together or R^6 and R^7 together are:



wherein n is a number from 1 to 3, and R^9 is H or $-CONHR^{10}NR^{11}R^{12}$, wherein R^{10} is lower alkyl and R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H and lower alkyl.

Please replace the paragraphs starting a page 5, line 18 and going thru page 7, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Disclosed herein is a compound of the Formula (I):

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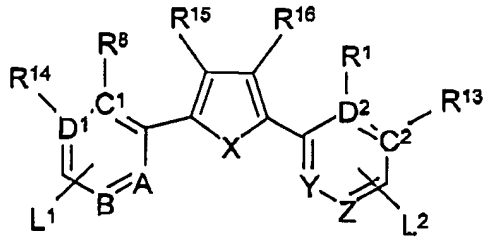

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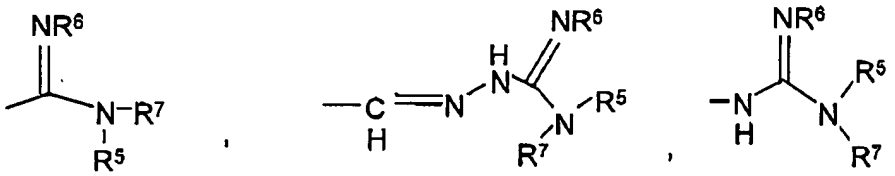
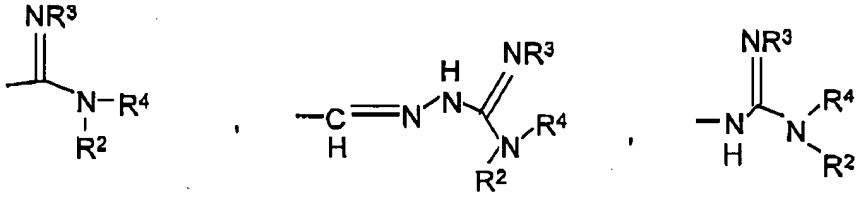
L^1 = 

L^2 = 

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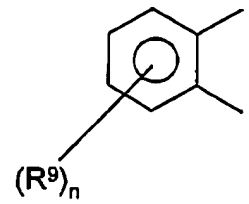
B and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17}, provided that B, Z, or both B and Z are not present when A, Y, or both A and Y are O, S, or NR^{17};

R^{13}, R^{14}~~, R^{15}, R^{16}~~, R^1 and R^8 can be present or absent, and when present are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^3 and R^6 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxy, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyl, hydroxycycloalkyl,

alkoxycycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, acyloxy, acetoxy, and alkylaminoalkyl; and R^2, R^4, R^5 and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and alkylaminoalkyl, or R^2 and R^4 together or R^5 and R^7 together represent a C_2 to C_{10} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkylene, or R^3 and R^4 together or R^6 and R^7 together are:



wherein n is a number from 1 to 3, and R^9 is H or $-CONHR^{10}NR^{11}R^{12}$, wherein R^{10} is lower alkyl and R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H and lower alkyl.